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#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph of the specification beginning on page 3, line 19 to correct the spelling of the word "pouring" as follows:

These and other objects of the invention are accomplished by providing method of making an insulating material, useful as an erosion resistant high temperature layer, for large geometric shapes comprising the steps of providing a first permeable structure having a contacting surface, and a second structure which may or may not be permeable depending on the size and geometry of the part. As the part size increases, the second structure is more likely to be permeable. These first and second structures define a void space for both an extractable fibrous insulation member and for the hollow spheres. Hollow ceramic spheres are placed in the sphere chamber against the contacting surface, ~~poring~~ pouring a slurry against the hollow spheres, and applying pressure such the slurry passes around the hollow spheres filling in any voids adjacent the spheres and being forced against the contacting surface.

Please amend the paragraph of the specification beginning on page 4, line 20 to correct word spacing and punctuation as follows:

Preferably, there are three dimensional closed packed structures of hollow shapes, that can be any geometry, such as, spheres, cylinders, ovoids, etc. This close packed structure provides strength, a nonsinterable stable structure, and a mostly isotropic material and it also minimizes large void spaces and provides a uniform macro- and micro-porosity distribution within the sphere. The material should have some measure of porosity, at least 15 vol. % but preferable between 40 vol. % to 70 vol. % for turbine thermal insulating and abradable coatings.